



Power of Change Award Fact Sheet

What is The Power of Change Award?

Launched in February 2013, the Power of Change Award program celebrates and recognizes outstanding achievements in energy efficiency among Connecticut's state and municipal buildings.

A unique collaboration of three foundations – The Emily Hall Tremain Foundation, Hampshire Foundation, and the Common Sense Fund – in conjunction with Connecticut clean energy experts, developed these awards to spotlight the many ways the state has made energy efficiency a core value.

The Power of Change Award Program:

- Celebrates achievements and innovation in energy efficiency across Connecticut's state and municipal buildings during two separate events.
- Is an annual program combining the practical with the inspirational to keep energy efficiency top of mind and encourage everyone to do more.
- Builds on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Lead by Example program, established by Governor Malloy and the legislature to make Connecticut one of the most energy efficient states in the nation.
http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=4405&Q=489980&deepNav_GID=2121
- Complements and supports the landscape of state and municipal energy programs.
- Recognizes the important work of energy Efficiency Performance Contractors working within CT's new standardized Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) Program. The program helps state and municipal governments implement comprehensive energy savings measures with no upfront capital, paid for by future guaranteed savings from utility and maintenance budgets.
- Partners with Energize CT and the annual *eesmarts Student Contest* to recognize students in grades 9 through 11 competing in the Community Based Project category, which requires addressing energy-related issues in their community and developing a real-world plan.
- Gives credit and recognition to the people in Connecticut who are striving to effect real change by launching and maintaining innovative and unique approaches to energy efficiency. These include state agencies, performance contractors, municipalities and school boards plus the many community organizations that support them.
- Is judged by a blue ribbon panel of professionals taken from Connecticut industry, academia and energy advocacy.

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How will energy efficiency achievements be celebrated?

Two award ceremonies are hosted at the State Capitol:

Power of Change State Awards recognizes and celebrates state energy efficiency projects for their innovative approaches and initiatives that highlight Connecticut's drive to save taxpayer dollars and realize environmental and economic benefits from saving energy in state public buildings and facilities.

Power of Change Municipal and Student Awards recognizes municipal projects taking place in town halls, wastewater treatment plants, elementary/primary schools and also celebrates student finalists for the *eemarks Community Based Project*.

The Power of Change Award promotes energy efficiency and the Award winners online:

www.powerofchangeaward.org

About Power of Change Award Funding Organizations/Representatives

The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation is a family foundation that is active in education and programs related to learning disabilities such as dyslexia, support for contemporary visual art and marketplace empowerment for artists, and climate protection and the promotion of clean energy at a state and regional level in America. More information can be found by visiting www.tremainefoundation.org. Stewart Hudson is the President of the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation.

The Hampshire Foundation focuses on two initiatives: Peru Opportunity Fund and [Lead by Example](#). More information is available by visiting www.hampshirefoundation.org. Sabina Shelby is the Managing Trustee of the Hampshire Foundation.

The Common Sense Fund promotes action both on the environment and in the arts that is practical, creative and addresses social needs. More information is available by visiting www.commonsefund.org. Mally Cox-Chapman is the Philanthropy Advisor to the Common Sense Fund.

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